

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle seat comprising:

a runner made up of a fixed rail designed to be fixed to a vehicle floor, and of a moving rail mounted to slide relative to the fixed rail;

at least one front leg having a top end and a bottom end designed to be mounted to pivot relative to the vehicle floor;

a seat back mounted to pivot relative to the moving rail of the runner; and

a seat proper having a front end mounted to pivot on the top end of the front leg;

wherein the seat back is mounted to pivot relative to the seat proper;

and wherein the seat further comprises at least one locking device adapted to selectively preventing the seat back from pivoting or allowing said seat back to pivot.

2. A seat according to claim 1, in which the seat back is mounted to pivot relative to the moving rail of the runner via a hinge mechanism controlled by a control member for selectively either locking the seat back or enabling the seat back to pivot freely relative to the moving rail of the runner.

3. A seat according to claim 1, further comprising a release device adapted so that the seat back pivoting forwards automatically unlocks the runner.

4. A seat according to claim 3, in which the seat back has an actuator provided with a cam edge that co-operates by means of a cam effect with an actuating lever mounted to pivot relative to the moving rail of the runner, said actuating lever being secured to an unlocking lever which is adapted to act on an unlocking finger belonging to the runner, so as to unlock said runner when the seat back

pivots forwards into a position that is inclined by at least 10 degrees forwards.

5 5. A seat according to claim 3, in which the runner is organized to be unlocked when the seat back is in an intermediate tilt position, and in which a holding device is provided for preventing the seat back from pivoting forwards from the intermediate tilt position, when the moving rail is situated between a rear position and an
10 intermediate slide position.

6. A seat according to claim 5, in which a pivot release device is adapted to allow the seat back to pivot forwards from its intermediate tilt position, when the
15 moving rail reaches the intermediate slide position.

7. A seat according to claim 3, further comprising a manual unlocking control organized so that it being actuated by a user unlocks the runner.
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8. A seat according to claim 1, in which the seat back is adapted to pivot forwards into a folded-down position, in which said seat back extends substantially horizontally.

25 9. A seat according to claim 1, in which the bottom end of the front leg has an anchoring device adapted to selectively anchoring or releasing said bottom end relative to the vehicle floor, the seat being organized so that, after the front leg has been released by its
30 anchoring device, the front end of the seat proper can be raised into a folded-up position in which the seat proper is held substantially vertical.

10. A seat according to claim 9, further comprising a
35 guide leg, a first end of which is mounted to pivot relative to the bottom end of the front leg, and a second

end of which is mounted to pivot relative to the fixed rail of the runner.

11. A vehicle having at least a floor and a seat
5 according to claim 1, the bottom end of the front leg and the fixed rail of the runner being fixed to the floor.

12. A vehicle having at least a floor and a seat
10 according to claim 8, in which, in the "folded-down" position of the seat, the seat is retracted into the floor of the vehicle.